

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

August 17, 2012

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS: # 529286512273

Nanu Patel, President Riverside Mining Limited 3500-B Pyrite Street Riverside, CA 92509

Re: Follow-up Information Request Letter Related to Stringfellow Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Patel:

We have received and reviewed Riverside Mining Limited's (the "Company") December 1, 2011 response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") November 3, 2011 104(e) Request for Information ("Request") relating to the Stringfellow Superfund Site (the "Site") located in Riverside County, California. We appreciate the Company's timely response, and the information provided to date. We would like to request certain additional information based on our review of the Company's response. EPA asks that you respond to the following supplemental requests.

Supplemental Requests:

- 1. In its December 1, 2011 response, the Company indicated that its blasting contractor, Baxter Blasting Company (dba M.J. Baxter Drilling Co.), performed all of the blasting and drilling operations at the Site during the time period of the Company's operations (2006 to end of 2009). Provide a complete list of the explosives used by the Company's contractors, identifying their chemical composition and quantities used. Provide the time period that the respective explosives were used, and a map showing the locations where the respective explosives were stored and detonated. Provide copies of MSDSs for all explosives used by the Company's contractors at the Site.
- 2. If any of the explosives or other substances used by the Company's contractors contained perchlorate, provide a complete description of those substances. Indicate the number of explosions per year, approximate volume of perchlorate substances used per explosion at the Site, and the storage and disposal practices in effect during the Company's entire period of operations at the Site for materials containing perchlorate. Include all documentation referencing or detailing the use and disposal of perchlorate-containing substances by the Company's contractors from 2006 through 2009.

- 3. EPA obtained a copy of the Company's September 12, 2008 response submitted to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") by its contractor, Southland Engineering. However, the map attached to the 2008 response as Appendix A, which consisted of a site plan with labels of the Company's buildings A through R and a description of their uses, was not included. Provide a complete copy of the documents and maps submitted as Appendix A to the 2008 response.
- 4. In its December 1, 2011 response to EPA, the Company lists six parcels of real property at the Site that it acquired in June 2006. As previously requested, provide copies of the title documentation evidencing the Company's purchase, ownership, and sale of this real property. In addition, provide complete, executed copies of the real estate transaction documents (including all exhibits thereto) pursuant to which the Company purchased this real property in 2006, and copies of all the real estate transaction documents pursuant to which it later sold two of the parcels in 2011.

EPA has the authority to request this information pursuant to Section 104(e) of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e). Although we anticipate your cooperation in this matter, please note that failure to comply with EPA's information request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may subject you to an enforcement action seeking to compel compliance and collect penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of noncompliance pursuant to Section 104 (e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(5).

Please refer to the Request for definitions and instructions with respect to your response, including instructions as to the assertion of a business confidentiality claim and the determination of the scope of our request. Those definitions and instructions continue to apply and are hereby incorporated into this supplemental request for information. A copy of the November 3, 2011 Request is enclosed for your convenience.

Please provide your response, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Your response should be directed to:

Keith Olinger, Enforcement Officer (SFD-7-5) U.S. EPA, Region 9 75 Hawthorne St. San Francisco, CA 94105 If the Company has any questions regarding this letter, please contact Keith Olinger at (415) 972-3125 or <u>olinger.keith@epa.gov</u>. Questions regarding the Site's cleanup status should be directed to the Remedial Project Manager, Julie Santiago-Ocasio, at (415) 972-3525 or <u>santiago-ocasio.carmen@epa.gov</u>. Questions regarding legal matters can be directed to Andrew Helmlinger at (415) 972-3904 or <u>helmlinger.andrew@epa.gov</u>. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathi Moore, Manager

Case Development Cost Recovery Section

Superfund Division

Enclosure



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